

**FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
KEY WEST BUREAU**

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MFL-2031
28 October 82

MEMORANDUM FOR: [] Chief/OPS
SUBJECT : Radio Marti Contact

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Dear Jerry:

During the course of the past week, through the good offices of part-time teletypist [], the bureau has made informal contact with [], who is in charge of the technical equipment at the Radio Marti transmitter site.

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The decision to establish this informal contact was made on the basis of the fact that absolute identification of the first shot in the anticipated "radio war" may go unresolved. Since the Radio Marti site and Havana, Cuba are in reciprocal locations, in relation to the bureau, the first big test by Cuba on 1040 Khz or any other mediumwave frequency also used by Radio Marti could be mistaken for test transmission by Radio Marti due to the strong possibility that our antenna array may not be capable of differentiating between the direction of the two signals.

We anticipate similar unmodulated signal output at Key West from a 500 kilowatt mediumwave transmitter located in the Havana area as from no more than 10 kilowatts from the Radio Marti transmitter located only 15 miles north of the bureau.

A simple call to our contact at Radio Marti will make it possible to ascertain just who is testing, when and on which frequency.

Sincerely,

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, Chief
Key West Bureau, FBIS

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